



**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: April 18, 2003**

## **HECB to discuss student transfer issues, gender equity in athletics**

**OLYMPIA**—The Higher Education Coordinating Board will discuss ways to streamline the transfer process for students moving from the state's two-year colleges to four-year institutions during its April 23 meeting at the State Investment Board office in Olympia.

Strategies to ensure that transfer students can obtain four-year degrees without accumulating unnecessary college credits are expected to be discussed in the upcoming 2004 Master Plan for Higher Education, which is the state's strategic policy blueprint for higher education in Washington. It is updated every four years; the next plan will be submitted to the Legislature and Governor in January 2004.

The 10-member citizens board also will hear from Andrew Bodman and Lynda Goodrich from Western Washington University on the school's effort to comply with rules governing gender equity in athletics. State law requires the public colleges and universities to ensure that participation in athletics by male and female students is roughly equivalent to male and female enrollment.

During the meeting, the board will take action on three new degree programs. Central Washington University is proposing a bachelor's degree in environmental geological sciences and a bachelor's degree in broad area special education. The University of Washington Bothell is proposing a master's degree in computing and software systems.

The HECB meeting will begin at 9 a.m. Wednesday, April 23, at the State Investment Board office and is open to the public.

Briefing materials on agenda items are available at:  
<http://www.hecb.wa.gov/Docs/packets/AprMtg03.pdf>

## **HECB May 28 meeting rescheduled for June 12**

The board has rescheduled its meeting originally set for May 28, 2003, to June 12. The change will enable the board to consider public testimony – scheduled for May 27 at the University of Washington and May 30 at Washington State University – on proposed changes to

the state's student residency requirements prior to taking action on the measure. The HECB is expected to vote on the revised language during its June 12 meeting in Olympia.

**Who: Higher Education Coordinating Board**

**What: April regular meeting**

**Where: State Investment Board  
2100 Evergreen Park Drive SW, Olympia**

**When: Wednesday, April 23  
9 a.m. – 2 p.m.**

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**PRELIMINARY BOARD MEETING AGENDA**  
State Investment Boardroom  
2100 Evergreen Park Drive SW, Olympia 98504  
**April 23, 2003**

Approximate times

**9:00 a.m. Welcome and Introductions**

- Bob Craves, HECB Chair

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

**Adoption of March 2003 HECB Meeting Minutes**

**New Degree Programs**

- **MS in Computing & Software Systems, UWB**  
*Resolution 03-07*
- **B.S. in Environmental Geological Sciences, CWU**  
*Resolution 03-08*
- **B.Ed. in Broad Area Special Education, CWU**  
*Resolution 03-09*

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

**9:30 a.m. WWU Gender Equity Compliance Update**

- HECB staff briefing
- Andrew Bodman, WWU provost, and Lynda Goodrich, Director of Athletics  
*Resolution 03-10*

**9:45 a.m. Legislative Session Update**

- HECB staff briefing

**11:00 a.m. MASTER PLAN 2004 – Student Transfer Discussion**

- HECB staff briefing
- Board discussion

**12:00 noon** *Board lunch  
No official business will be conducted.*

**1:00 p.m. “No Child Left Behind” Professional Development Grant Awards**

- HECB staff briefing

**1:30 p.m. Education Cost Study Report**

- HECB staff briefing

PUBLIC COMMENT

**2:00 p.m. ADJOURNMENT**

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**HECB 2003 Meeting Calendar**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>
<b>June 12, Thurs. (<i>New date</i>)</b>	State Investment Board, Olympia Board Room
<b>July 30, Wed.</b>	Pierce College, Puyallup Lecture Hall (L244)
<b>Sept. 24, Wed.</b>	Washington State University, Pullman Compton Union Building
<b>Oct. 29, Wed.</b>	Renton Technical College, Renton H Building

